Boom in Agricultural Production during 1991—96

1392. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a boom in agricultural production during 1991—96; and

(b) if so, how is this reflected in terms of annual foodgrain production year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) The agricultural production during the period 1991—96 has recorded a normal growth. However, production of foodgrains achieved new records in consecutive three years, viz., 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95. The year-wise production of foodgrains is as under:—

(Million tonnes)

1990-91	176.39
1991-92	168.38
1992-93	179.48
1993-94	184.26
1994-95	191A10
1995-96	190.36 (likely)

Decline in Budgetary Support to Railways

1393. SHRI SANATAN BISI:
DR. B.B. DUTTA:
DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether budgetary support to the Railways has declined considerably;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry have urged upon Prime Minister to restore the budgetary support at least 60% to fulfil the needs of Railways;

(6) whether Railways have been forced to rely more on internal generation of funds;

(c) if so, percentage of 8th Plan outlay being financed by internal resources; and

(f) details of the steps being taken to generate more internal resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Budgetary support has been reduced from 75% in V Plan to about 16% in 1996-97 (BE).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Year-wise details of the VIII Plan outlay being financed by internal resources are given below:—

(Rs. in Cr.)

Year	Total Plan	Internal Resources	%age to Plan
1992-93	6162	2548	41%
1993-94	5860	4030	69%
1994-95	5472	3582	65%
1995-96 (RE)	7500	4423	59%
1996-97 (RE)	8130	4111	50%

(f) Railways are making continuous efforts to augment earnings and reduce working expenses to generate additional resources internally.

Staff quarters in Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

1394. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Navodaya and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan where Vidyalaya buildings and or staff quarters have been (i) sanctioned, (ii) constructed, and (iii) are in use after construction;

(b) whether it is a fact that Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chittorgarh is still to have its building and quarters; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The details of construction of buildings/staff quarters are given below:

	Sanctioned.	Cons-tructed	In Use
K.V.S. (School buildings)	26	16	16
K.V.S. (Staff quarters)	21	16	15
N.V.S. (Buildings & staff quarters)	26	20	20

(b) and (c) Construction of school buildings, staff quarters and dormitories for the Navodaya Vidyalaya Chittorgarh has already progressed considerably and the school is functioning in the permanent building.

Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Anantapur

1395. SHRI SAIFULLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajdhani Express runs weekly from Bangalore to Delhi and Delhi to Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that it stops at Dharmauaram instead of district headquarters Anantapur;

(c) if so, what action is likely to be taken by Government to stop Rajdhani at Anantapur; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal to run Rajdhani Express twice a week due to heavy rush?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is not proposed to stop the Rajdhani Express at Anantapur.

(d) Increase in the frequency of 2429/ 2430 Hazrat Nizammuddin-Bangalore weekly Rajdhani Express is being examined and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.

Launching of second Green Revolution

1396. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to launch a second green revolution mainly by converting the grey arable regions into green areas;

(b) if so, the details of the plan, indicating such grey areas in different States and Union Territories available for the purpose; and

(c) the time frame of such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) They grey areas mainly comprise arid and semi-arid ecological regions and the soils affected by salinity and alkalinity. The total estimated area in arid region and semi-arid region in the country is 20.7 million ha. and 93'.20 million ha. respectively. These areas also include 10 million ha. of salt-affected soils.

Various schemes like National Watershed Development Project or Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP). Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers (FPR), Reclamation of Alkali Soils and several crop production schemes which are implemented in arid and semi-arid areas of different States